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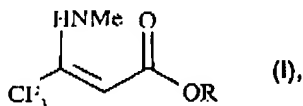
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD the following claims 9 – 10:

9. (New) A process according to claim 4, wherein the alcohol is ethanol.

10. (New) A method for the preparation in a yield greater than 80% of a 4,4,4-trifluoro-3-methylamino-crotonic acid ester of formula I



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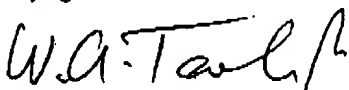
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